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On the 16th inst., at No. 6, Macdonnell Road,
the wife of STANLEY C. MACNEEDE, of a
daughter. [1397]

MARRIAGE.

At Canton, December 14th, at Christ Church,
Shameen, between ROSE EDWARD LINDSELL,
second son of E. B. Lindsell, Esq., of Hitchin,
Herts, England, and ELSA BRYNTHIDE MAX-
NEW MOLLISON, youngest daughter of Professor
W. L. Mollison, M.A., Fellow and Senior Tutor
of Clare College, Cambridge, England. [1396]

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 17TH, 1910.

The labour difficulties experienced in India
and in places like the Malay States and
Netherlands India whose industrial progress
is so largely dependent upon imported
labour, give rise at times to interesting
reflections on the future of the labour
market in the East. Many industries, we
read, are starving in India for want of
labour, and in the Malay States, as all who
know anything of the emigration movement
from China are aware, the planters are busy
at bidding against each other for coolies.

The demand for labour is growing every
year as the undeveloped places of the earth
are being brought under cultivation, and
consequently the cost of maintaining an
adequate labour force has risen throughout
the East. A Calcutta contemporary com-
menting on the subject remarks: "Thanks
mainly to the conservative trait in the

Oriental labourer's character, trade unionism
and other modern forms of Labour inquisi-
tions are unknown in the East." So far as
Chinese labour is concerned, that is a state-
ment which requires some modification:
Trades unionism is not unknown in China,
as many who come in contact with labour
difficulties are aware, to their cost. Mr.
JERINGTON in his work on "Business
Methods in China" makes a brief reference
to them in the Chapter in which he
describes the history and operations of the
better known guilds. He truly observes
that in recognition of the advantages of
commercial organisation no people have
surpassed the Chinese. Of the influence the
Guilds exercise in the commercial affairs
of the Empire, ample proof was afforded
by the boycotts a few years ago. The
principle of the Guild, which is a
combination of the large commercial concerns,
was adopted in later times by the
retail dealers, and now there are separate
trade unions for blacksmiths, carpenters,
wirerowers, silk-weavers, millers, barbers,
compositors and many other branches
of industry, and each vocation has rules
suitable and peculiar to it. So far as our
observation goes the principle of organisa-
tion is extending among the working classes
in China, and if the coolie has not
joined his trade union already, the time
cannot be far distant when he will be
organised like the rest. Mr. JERINGTON
explains that the members of the trade
unions have their places for meeting to
consider the condition of their respective
trades and to discuss the ways and means
to protect and promote them. "Whatever
subjects come within the scope of the union
are quietly considered, and the decision is
as quietly adhered to; society is seldom
threatened with violence or disturbance,
but the members accomplish their object by a
closeness of organisation and through peaceful
agencies." We cannot dispute the state-
ment that if the coolie takes to trade unionism
he will prove a formidable force in the
industrial world; but we are inclined to think
that this is a bogey which need inspire no
immediate apprehension. So far as the
emigration of Chinese to the labour markets
of the South is concerned, it is
not so much trade unionism that is
to be feared, as an increasing demand
for labour in China resulting from the
stimulus this will give to the develop-
ment of the nation's resources. So long,
however, as the pecuniary temptation to
emigrate remains as strong as it is, the
volume of emigration is not likely to
diminish.

The jurors for the December Assizes will be
required to be in attendance at the Supreme
Court on Monday, the 19th, at 10 a.m.

Mrs. Fisher, residing at the Peak Hotel,
reports to the police that she lost a fur box
between Mount Kollet and the Peak Hotel.

Six chair coolies for causing an obstruction
at the entrance to the Hongkong Hotel were
yesterday at the Magistracy fined \$5 each.

At the Magistracy yesterday Timothy Murphy
was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for
having failed to return to the House of
Detention.

Mr. Gardiner said he was appearing for the
defendants in place of Mr. Davidson.

Chief Detective Inspector Hanson gave evi-
dence of arresting the three men at No. 32,
Elgin Street.

Mr. Gardiner said he would reserve his cross-
examination until the next hearing, as Mr.
Hanson might be giving further evidence. He
understood the police were not prepared to
go on.

Mr. Hanson said the police were not prepared
to proceed with the case, and asked for a
remand. He had applied to the Captain
Superintendent of Police to ask for the services
of the Crown Solicitor, but the Crown Solicitor
had not been officially asked yet. In any case
he would not be ready to take the case that day.

His Worship asked Mr. Gardiner if he had
any objection to a remand.

Mr. Gardiner replied that he had none, pro-
vided bail was granted.

His Worship—That is the point.

Mr. Gardiner thought the police had no ob-
jection.

Mr. Hanson said that, acting under instruc-
tions, he would ask his Worship not to allow bail.

His Worship—From what I understood Supt
Grant to say yesterday there is evidence of a
written agreement to this matter. Is that correct?

Mr. Hanson—That is so.

Mr. Gardiner—That is not admitted. It is
not the first defendant's signature, as it is alleg-
ed to be. Further, the police have a confession
by the second defendant that he actually forged
the name of the first defendant.

His Worship—This is a serious charge and the
police would not object to bail for trivial reasons.

Mr. Hanson thought there might be an
opportunity later of admitting the defendant
to bail, but at present he would ask his Worship
not to grant bail.

Bail was accordingly refused. Mr. Gardiner
stating that after he had been in communication
with the Crown Solicitor he might renew his
application for bail.

The Chinese Consul, Rangoon, wired to
the private secretary to the Vicerey: "I
have the honour to convey to their Excellencies
a cordial welcome and best wishes on behalf of
the Chinese Community in Burma." To this
the following reply was received: "Am directed
to thank you for your kind telegram of the
22nd instant."

SALVING AND WRECKING.

INTERESTING LECTURE BY MR.
W. C. JACK.

Mr. W. C. Jack was faced by a good audience
at the Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders
last night when he read an interesting paper on
the subject of "Salving and Wrecking." The
lecturer gave a description of salvages which he
had attended and the various operations employed,
and illustrated his remarks with the aid of photo-
graphs. The wreck of the *Sully*, well remember-
ed here, was described by Mr. Jack in these
words:

A More Province Fair is to be held at
Zamboanga in February next in which planters,
merchants and manufacturers from all parts of
the More Province, the Philippine Archipelago
and foreign countries are invited to participate.
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the city of Zamboanga and commodious buildings
will be erected. The co-operation of the Gov-
ernment in the matter of transportation is
assured, reduced rates on inter-island steamers
are being arranged and every facility will be
extended to exhibitors. No charge is to be
made to exhibitors for space.

Much is heard at the Magistracy about a
"good man." It is a favourite expression of
the Chinese to describe a man who has not
done anything amiss, but it would appear that
a "good man" to certain folks is not regarded
a man to others. Yesterday in a case which
came before Mr. Wood a man was remanded
to allow of witnesses being brought up who
would declare as to his character. Three
declared that he was a good man, but Inspector
Robertson produced two of his detectives who
swore that he was a bad man. The Magistrate
accepted the testimony of the latter and sentenced
the man to three weeks' imprisonment.

The first attempt to sink the unwieldy
monster ended in disaster: it turned turtle, but
righted itself on touching bottom. The job of
salving the dock itself had to be undertaken and
all the chains and ballast hauled out of it; the
sea having meanwhile carried away two of the
towers. About two months' time was lost and
in the meantime Sir Paul Chater secured the
services of Capt. Grundaline, a salvager expert

from the Stockholm Salvage Association. He
had no use for the dock, but recommended
blasting the rock underneath. A big air
compressor and plant was therefore
brought down from Hongkong and fitted on
board whilst the dock was being refitted. Pre-
cautions were taken this time to keep the dock
upright during the process of sinking. We
built two big lighters and these we attached to
the sides with wire ropes which were eased
away as the dock sank. Finally it was got into
place, the pumps were set to work and within
a couple of hours the bow of the *Sully* was up
about 6 feet and everything looked promising.

The season, however, had advanced, and we
were more than shocked when the Admiral
sent the order to abandon ship as he had a
wireless message that typhoon was approach-
ing. Reluctantly, we got together all the gear we
could take off and cleared out to shelter with
the lighters. The order to abandon
ship was received about 10 p.m. The typhoon
was blowing full force and kept up
the whole night. Daylight came on the 1st
September, and we ventured out in the
Helene, although there was a heavy sea
running. It was impossible to approach the
wreck, but as far as we could make out the ram
of the cruiser had cut the pontoon dock in
two and the pieces were drifting about here and
there. Next day, we managed to tow what
was left of it clear of the wreck, and after a con-
sultation with the Admiral and staff decided to
abandon it as past repair. Another typhoon on
the 6th September finished it. Capt. Grundaline
now started operations with his divers, but
little or nothing could be done owing to the
heavy swell running.

Pumps were tried on the forward stokehold,
and all the pumping power of the ship and
centrifugals, amounting to 2,000 tons an hour,
set to work. They drew the water as low as
the main protected deck, but further we could
not go. One of the divers at this time was
jammed under the stokehold grating and was only
rescued, greatly exhausted, after three hours' critical work.

The air compressor was set to work, but the divers could only get in for an
hour or two from time to time owing to the
unstable weather.

On the 20th September, another order to
abandon came. The Chinese crew on this occa-
sion preferred to remain on board the wreck rather
than in the salvager steamer, but they had
a bad time, for the ship ground heavily on the
rocks and was washed clean over her. They
finally took refuge in a lifeboat slung out on the
 davits, where we found them next morning like
drowned rats.

The vessel was very much strained, the steel
deck having cracked right across amidships, and
the sheer strake bolts started. The situation
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SUPREME COURT.

Friday, December 16th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT
(CHIEF JUSTICE).

CORRECTION OF A MISAPPREHENSION.

His Lordship—I have been asked to correct a misapprehension which arose from a paragraph in my judgment in Chak' Chin Hung v. Chin Lok Hing, the action by a contractor against the owner of the houses. I said that it seemed to be customary for architects not to allow contractors to have a copy of the contract. That appeared from the evidence, but I suppose owing to the fact that the case did not come to its conclusion, the point was not contradicted. And further, in an earlier case it undoubtedly was a fact. But I am told now by all the architects that it is the custom for contractors to have a copy of a contract if they choose, and, therefore I am anxious to correct the misapprehension which probably my judgment has given rise to.

ORDER FOR AN ACCOUNT.

Abdulraheem Abdoolrahim, as attorney for Abdoolkader Abdooltayeb, transferred of a mortgage dated 9th April, 1902, and made between Mok Han Wo of the first part, Mok Chun Man and Chu Kun of the second part, and Abdoolkader Abdooltayeb Ebrahim of the third part, claimed to have an account taken of what is due to him for principal, interest and costs on the said mortgage, and that the mortgage may be enforced by foreclosure or sale.

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Mr. Potter informed his Lordship that there were four defendants, and that three of them had appeared to the writ, but had not taken further steps nor had they filed any defence. The other defendant had not appeared to the writ. That being the position, he formally moved for judgment on the terms of the statement of claim.

His Lordship—You must tell me a little more.

Mr. Potter—The statement of claim sets out the facts quite clearly.

His Lordship—Have you proof that the boy is under the age of 21?

Mr. Potter—He is under 21, but we have not to prove anything. The defendants are taken to have admitted everything by not filing any defence. They have waived all right of proof.

His Lordship—There would not be any difficulty would there?

Mr. Potter—Of proving that he is not 21?

His Lordship—Yes. You would be upset altogether supposing he was over the age of 21. Cannot you get proof of that?

Mr. Potter—The parties are in India, but the plaintiff says he knows the boy himself, and that he is two years under the age of 21.

Plaintiff gave evidence to this effect.

Mr. Potter—As regards the order, two of the defendants have already assigned their interest in this property to the plaintiff.

His Lordship—Are they joint owners, or what are they?

Mr. Potter—Two of the defendants only own the Kowloon property.

His Lordship—It is all embraced in the one mortgage?

Mr. Potter—Yes.

His Lordship granted the order against the last two defendants, the redemption to be within six months.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. F. A. HAZELARD
(ACTING CHIEF JUDGE).

CLAIM FOR O. B. BEER.

Karl Brander brought action against W. Stewart to recover \$45 due for O. B. beer.

Plaintiff, who was represented by Mr. Christopher Wilson (of Messrs. Hastings & Hastings), informed the Court that the amount was due for beer supplied, and that the defendant had admitted the debt and promised payment.

Judgment was entered for plaintiff with costs.

PEDAGOGUE'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

Li Hon Fau sued Li Sui Shek to recover \$3.95 due for school fees.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Loek & Deacon), who appeared for the defendant, asked his Lordship to fix a day.

His Lordship said he could hear the case on December 28th.

Mr. Stevenson—The Scouts won't be back from camp then!

His Lordship—What is the nature of the defence?

Mr. Stevenson—Plaintiff has not carried out his contract.

His Lordship—He has not been teaching your boy?

Mr. Stevenson—He has not been teaching him properly. I would ask your Lordship to order him to supply me with dates. He simply says "the current year," that is, the current scholastic year, which is different to the current commercial year.

His Lordship told the plaintiff to call and see Mr. Stevenson, and fixed the hearing for January 3rd.

SETTLED.

Our Chinese firms brought action against the Yau Cheung firm to recover a total amount of \$83.70.

Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring, Darlow & Morrell), who represented the plaintiff, informed his Lordship that the actions had been settled, and that he had had instructions to withdraw.

Mr. J. H. Gardiner, for the defendants, said he did not know whether the question of costs would arise. On the last occasion he appeared for the defendants, and so far he had received no instructions that the claims were settled.

Mr. Goldring—They have all been settled.

Mr. Gardiner—Would your Lordship allow the matter to stand over till next Friday?

His Lordship—I think the best thing is to mark the cases settled. If it is absolutely necessary for contractors to have a copy of a contract if they choose, and, therefore I am anxious to correct the misapprehension which probably my judgment has given rise to.

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Dr. G. E. Aubrey, E. A. S. Fowler, J. Hall.

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FLIES IN ENGLAND.

Flies in dwellings have acquired ill repute as carriers of disease, though little is known of the extent of the harm they do. Dr. Robertson, health officer of Birmingham, Eng., reports that the local investigation has indicated a close connection between flies and epidemic summer diarrhoea, and it is supposed that the flies spread infection by means of germs taken up from the decomposing garbage and other filth on which they live. The flies of towns are of several kinds. Of those actually caught in Birmingham for identification the common house-fly numbered 2,360 specimens, or 91 per cent. of the whole; lesser house-fly, 1,154, or 4.7 per cent.; bluebottle fly, 840, or 3.4 per cent.; special fly, 190; greenbottle fly, 12; bright blue fly, 8; stomoxys calcitrans fly, 3; others, 5. The total of the five last-named varieties equalling 0.9 per cent. The eggs of the common house-fly—chiefly deposited in horse manure and house refuse—were found to hatch in 8 to 24 hours after being laid. It was shown that food attracted flies, and that a greater number entered houses on a wet day following a warm period, evidently seeking protection from rain.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS IN THE PORTUGUESE COLONIES.

Correspondence has lately passed between Messrs. Cadbury Brothers (Limited) and the Colonial Minister of the Portuguese Republic respecting the reforms promised by the new Government in regard to the labour conditions of Angola, and the islands of San Thomé and Príncipe.

The first letter in the correspondence was sent on October 13 by Messrs. Cadbury Brothers to the Minister of Marine and Colonies at Lisbon, and contains the following passage: "We have received with great satisfaction a cable

from our friend, Mr. Alfredo do Silva, of Oporto, stating that the intention of the Portuguese Republic radically to change the existing labour conditions of Angola and the islands of San Thomé and Príncipe. We welcome this information, and should be very pleased to do anything in our power to assist you in this direction, and when it is absolutely proved to the British Consular staff that the old conditions of slavery have entirely disappeared, it will be a pleasure to us to reopen business relations."

We have always considered that the root of the evil has been in Angola, where the native has never received a just protection from his Government, but he has been exploited by Labour agents and their irresponsible employees.

It is usual for the Government of Angola to blame the Government of San Thomé for the present miscarriage of justice, and in the same way the people in San Thomé disclaim responsibility for the bad state of affairs in Angola, and it would appear to be necessary to unify more strongly the interests of both Colonies under a powerful Colonial Administration in Lisbon.

The Portuguese Republic has adopted the noble idea of justice and freedom to all its subjects at home and abroad, and we sincerely desire that you may have God's help in carrying out the work to which you have set your hands."

Messrs. Cadbury, in the above letter, specified several abuses which caused suffering to the natives. They, however, received a reply in which the Portuguese Government wrote as follows:

"The Government of the Republic intends to settle the question of the San Thomé services by fulfilling entirely and loyally the present regulations, which protect the natives and guarantee them perfect liberty in their recruiting and repatriation."

To this Messrs. Cadbury replied:

"We are much obliged for your letter. We respectfully point out that these regulations are, in our opinion, insufficient to provide for the true liberty of the native. In our last letter we stated: (1) That there is no provision for the repatriation on one date of married contracted labourers of different dates; (2) that children are now carried from the mainland without any contract at all; (3) that no child born of a contracted labourer in San Thomé has obtained its freedom. We have mentioned three illustrations of grave abuse within the limits of the present regulations, and we earnestly hope that you may without delay issue a simple manifesto that will supersede all the past regulations, which are very complicated and which admits of continual abuse."

The following reply was received from the Portuguese Ministry of Marine and Colonies:

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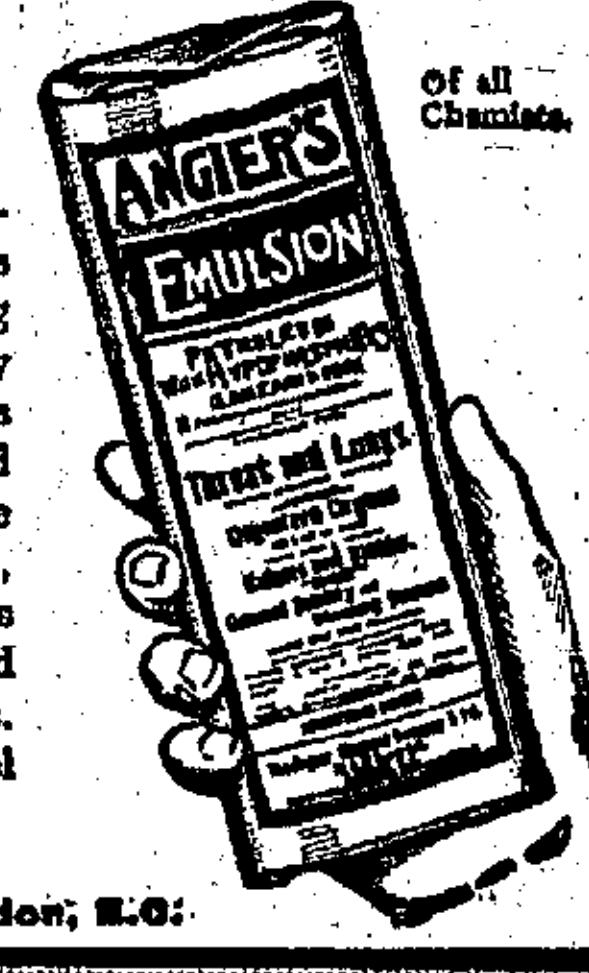
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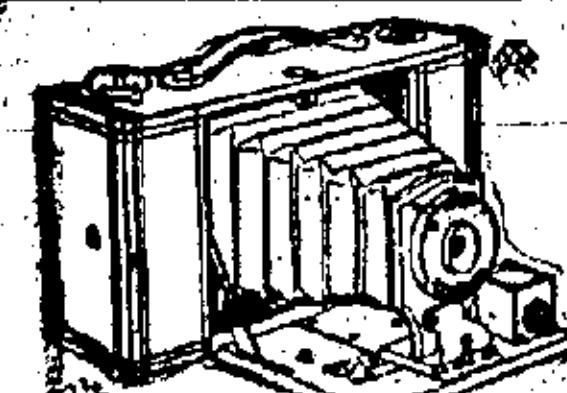


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FASHIONS AND FANCIES.

THE DANCING SEASON.

Now is the time when the voice of the partner is heard in the land, requesting, or commanding, in the curt language of the modern youth, that the favoured lady shall dance with him, and often merely indicating that he wishes to dance, and leaving her to act on the hint. Only the very prettiest girl, and she only when she is a novelty, can use the wand of power which used to belong by right to woman in the ball-room. She who used the bad-mannered weapon of cutting a dance runs the risk of being cut, savagely, and twice for once, in return. The dancing youth of the moment is, in fact, a Sultan, with a capital S. He is all the hughtier because he has been deprived of one of his superior attitudes, by the vanishing of the train on woman's dresses. No longer can he say: "Why do you women wear such idiotic frocks, that everyone falls over, and then you are annoyed?"

SHORT, SHORTER, SHORTEST.

Just to touch all round was considered new in a frock a season ago. It was considered uncomfortable for dancing, but not very likely to be smart. And now the dancing-frock that is to be the very least correct, must be at least three inches from the ground all round, and as much as five or six if you like! Short, narrow skirts; small, neat bodies; round tunics of net; very neat well-fitting footgear—that is the ball-dress of the moment. It is rather hard lines on big-boned girls, tall and broad, with useful feet, and a style that needs important dressing to show it off. They must either be out of fashion or dress like the pretty, kitten, fluffy, very young type. But, at least, they may have what colour they like, for all frocks are fashionable, and the more poetic the better.

COLOURS AND FABRICS.

Shot gauze is, perhaps, the most charming of the materials at present in fashion. I saw a charming ball-gown of it the other day made of copper and green silk gauze over green, the bodice and sleeves and edge of the short skirt being embroidered in the tiniest raised dots in a tone of greenish cream. Satin for under-dress and net for the ubiquitous tunic is almost a livery just now. The new velvet gauze has only penetrated to the ball-room in one or two very up-to-date cases. It is really velvet, but it is so soft and almost as light as chiffon, and when embodied is a sheer delight to the eye.

A GLORIOUS GOWN.

A dress in point is made of this velvet in moonlight green, embossed with ivy leaves, and veiled with a tunic of deep purple not embroidered with the darkest purple iridescent beads. Round the shoulders the deep richness of this colouring suddenly breaks out into orchid-mauve tulips and in front a cluster of purple and dark blue anemones, carried out in velvet, gives the clinching note to the colour-scheme. With this goes a wrap of black net covered with points of jet, so small that the eye cannot distinguish them, and lined with green chiffon, with an inter-lining of purple chiffon. A deep cape-collar and sash of chinchilla makes a good finish to this delicious costume.

BEADS, AND YET AGAIN BEADS.

The uses of beads are many, and the colour in which they are produced are so subtle that very often they can scarcely be traced. In a ball-room last week I saw a particularly fascinating gown whose colouring baffled me for half the evening. Of moonlight blue satin, short and almost quite plain, it had a tunic of black net, on which were patterned very beautiful leaves in a spreading design, which went over the net almost like a woven pattern. The tunic was edged with a narrow fringe of jet. After following the lady round like the most anxious chaperon, I at last discovered that the pattern was carried out in tiny bronze beads, sharply cut but very smoothly laid on. The effect was not of the colour of bronze, it was quite indescribable, but very good indeed. These beads are everywhere, and fringes go with them, both in beads, crystal, and jet. Satin is sometimes used for beading, but it can hardly be worked so small as is required for some of the purposes fulfilled by beads.

THE TURKISH TROUSER.

The divided skirt has been agitating London since the "Ardadians" dressed themselves anew. It is a very short step from some of the gowns we have had recently. The hobble made it necessary, but the full, gathered-in skirt made it possible. A gown of fine black net, powdered with tiny dull gold beads as the sky with stars, is gathered into a narrow hem so loosely that it overhangs the hose almost to its edge, which is several inches from the ground. This very pretty dress almost approached the Turkish trouser in appearance, and it will not be at all surprising if we find ourselves in trousers next year. The ride-astride movement, on the one hand, the hobble skirt on the other, the appalling weather, which makes skirts more a nuisance than ever, are all working to the same end.

THE "HOBBLE SKIRT" WALK.

A very popular two-step bears this title. At its first hearing it amused everyone, and now its young life is already famous. I do not know the composer, but he has rendered exactly the agitated hop, which was the best substitute for walking allowed by the hobble. The absurd music goes like a sparrow, on both feet at once, and is rendered doubly amusing by the presence of very narrow skirts in the ball-room, and also by the amazing freak walks which form the up-to-date notion of the two-step and the Boston. One could never describe these; they are a mixture of the Apache, the hobble hop, the Boston run, a dim memory of a waltz, all stirred together with the hand of frenzy, and offered to the delighted eyes of the no-longer-bored chaperons as a rich evening's entertainment. Another fashion—or fancy—of the moment is for the man to grip his partner by the wrist, extend her right arm at full length, and so bear her hapless hand about the room, rather in the position of the hero of a comedy, who clutches the wrist of the lady who has annoyed him in order to "fling her from him."

THE "EMPIRE VOGUE."

The revival of the Empire modes seems likely to be more accurate, at least for evening wear, than any recent adaptations have been. I have seen one or two perfect reproductions of First Empire prints recently. At one dance there was a girl in a high-waisted lemon-coloured silk gown, her dark hair piled on her head, with a plain Empire band of gold about it, no ornaments, and an inch-wide strip of pale grey velvet ribbon high round her neck. This very unusual finish was to the highest degree artistic, and the success of the get-up was heightened by the fact that the lady was one of the very few who can "trip." Hervousine do it always, unless they are over five foot six, but in real life it is seldom that one sees this pretty girl exaggerated and natural.

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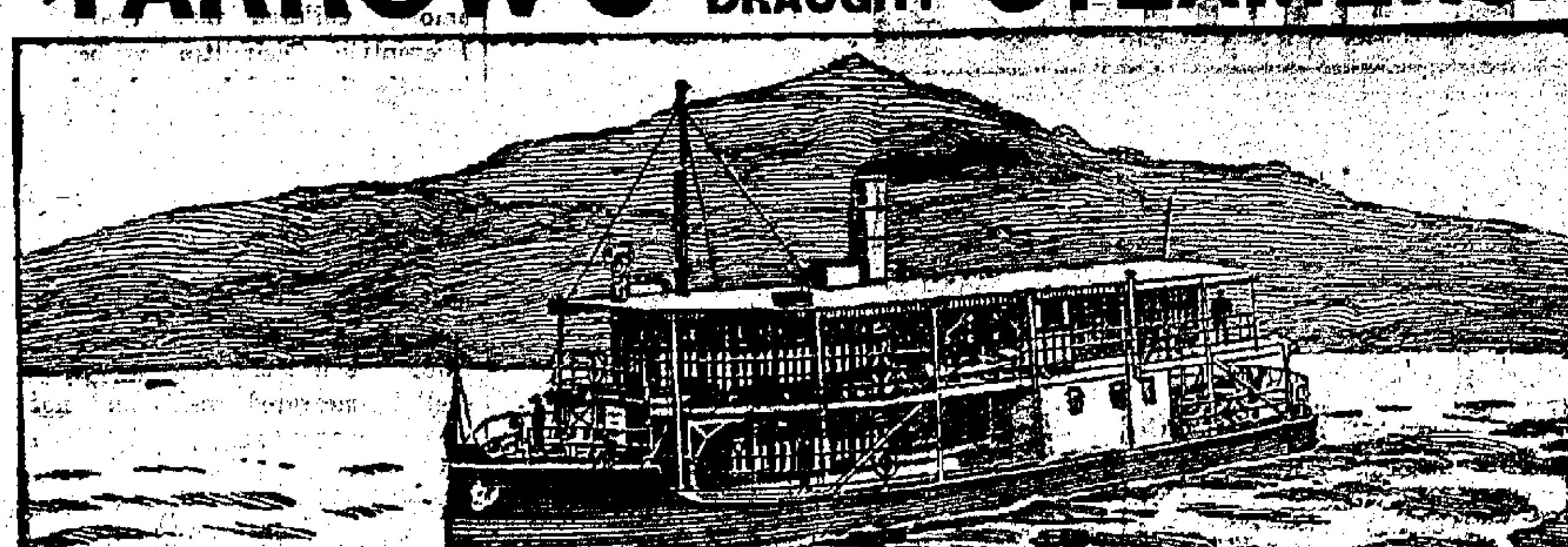
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The Indo-China str. *Laiang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 10th inst.
THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. *Tourane*, with the French mail of the 4th inst., and mail from London of the 3rd inst., will leave Saigon on the 10th inst., at noon, and is expected to arrive here on the 19th inst., at daylight.
THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Empress of China* arrived at Kobe at 8:30 a.m. on the 16th inst., and left again at noon same day for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at noon on the 19th instant.
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
The N.Y.K. str. *Nikko Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 8th instant, and is expected here on the 19th instant.
The E. & A. str. *Alderman* left Sydney on the 3rd inst. for this port, via Queensland Ports and Manila.
THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *Siberia* sailed from San Francisco on the 12th ultimo for Hongkong via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 30th instant.
The P. M. S. S. Co. str. *China* sailed from San Francisco on the 6th instant en route to Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, being due to arrive at this port on the 3rd prox.
MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The Austrian Lloyd's str. *Persia*, left Singapore for this port on the 10th instant p.m., and is due here to-day at daylight.
The Philippines Co.'s str. *Rubi* left Manila on the 15th inst., and is due here to-day at 4 p.m.
The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Sabina* left Singapore for this port on the 11th instant, at 1 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.
The O.S.K. str. *Seattle Maru* from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama on the 1st instant, and is expected to arrive here to-morrow via Manila.
The T.K.K. str. *Nippon Maru* sails from Yokohama on the 12th instant en route to Hongkong, and is due to arrive at this port on the 20th instant.
The Swedish str. *Nippon* left Sabang on the 11th instant, and is expected here on the 22nd inst.
The M.M. str. *Meinam* is expected to arrive here on or about the 23rd inst.
The O.S.K. str. *Mexico Maru* from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama on the 14th inst., and is expected to arrive here on or about the 29th instant, via Shanghai.
The American & Manchuria Line's str. *Kioto* left New York on the 16th ult., and is due here on or about the 1st prox.
The str. *Glenloch* left London on the 5th ult., and is due here on or about the 3rd prox.
The T.K.K. str. *Atago Maru* left Callao for this port via Mexican ports, Honolulu, and Japan ports, on the 30th ult.
The P. & A. S. S. Co.'s chartered str. *Strathfawn* sails from Portland on the 15th instant, via Japan ports for Hongkong.
The str. *Clarendon* left London on 25th ult., and is due here on or about 15th prox.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

November 11th—*Atsuta Maru*, *Machao*, 16th—*Scandinavia*, *Wakasa Maru*, 16th—*Achilles*, *Silesia*, 23rd—*Bennetts*, *Glenloch*, *Corbin*, *Indrawati*, *Nippon*, *Sunda*, 25th—*Anton*, *Brigandine*, *Tourane*, 29th—*Bronx*, *Cardiganshire*, December 2nd—*Glaucus*, *Nabia*, *Palaou*, *Savona*, *Stenor*, *Indrawati*, 6th—*Autofuchs*, *Bonaria*, *Moyenne*, *Pathan*, *Prinzess Alice*, 9th—*Atsuna*, *Belgravia*, *Bulow*, *Tango Maru*, 13th—*Caledonian*, *Diamond*, *Flinders*, *Kamo Maru*, *Lothian*, *Mayasen Maru*, *Persicus*, *Pratt*, *Saxonia*, *Segura*, *Soyo Maru*, *Tenkar*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

December 13th—C. Ferd. *Lacis*, *Glamorgan*.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & CO.	BERTH	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLIED TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON, &c. VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	HIMALAYA	Brit. str.	—	L. E. S. Spier, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	On 24th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	POLO	Brit. str.	—	A. G. Cubitt, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.,	About 23rd inst.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIK PORTS	SIAM	Swed. str.	—	MELCHERS & CO.	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About middle of Jan.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	BULGARIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	JAGA	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	BRIGADINA	Ger. str.	K. W.	Giratsonbrin	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	ARADIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	Ernst	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 27th inst.
HAVRE BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	Meiss	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 3rd Jan.
MARSEILLES & COPENHAGEN	SCANDIA	Swed. str.	K. W.	V. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 15th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL	CANTON	Fr. str.	—	OLOP WIJN & CO., LTD.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 20th inst.
MARSEILLES, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	POLYNESIEN	Fr. str.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SITHONIA	Ger. str.	K. W.	Bruno	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MISHIMA	Maru	—	Brockmer	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 27th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAWACHI	Maru	—	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KAGA	Maru	—	H. Petersen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ LUDWIG	Ger. str.	—	M. Hugino	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 29th inst., P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	E. F. FERDINAND	Ans. str.	—	F. v. Binzer	MELCHERS & CO.	About 29th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	INTERCLYDE	Brit. str.	—	B. Cobol	SANDER, WIELER & CO.	About 17th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SIRI	Brit. str.	—	J. C. Alexander	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	To-day, at 7 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	To-day, at 7 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MONTEAGLE	Brit. str.	2 m.	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 25th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEATTLE MAR.	Brit. str.	—	K. Kawara	OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA	On 28th inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	IKADA	Maru	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAMBA	Maru	—	F. S. Cowley	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 17th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SCHEIC	Brit. str.	—	T. Sekine	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 21st inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HONGKONG MARU	Brit. str.	—	W. Davison	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YAWATA	Maru	—	P. E. Finlayson	POETLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	To-day.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	HERCULES	Nov. str.	—	H. Rangnar	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	To-day, at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KOBE	Maru	—	M. Yagi	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.	On 31st inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIPPON MARU	Am. str.	—	F. Isacke	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 14th Jan., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	N. Matheson	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	M. Yaga	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Am. str.	—	P. H. Bonham	MELCHERS & CO.	About 10th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	—	H. Powell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 22nd inst., at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YATCHE MARU	Brit. str.	—	N. Tornakka	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	On 21st inst., at Noon.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIKKO MARU	Brit. str.	—	P. Giorgio	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TSIMTAI	Dut. str.	—	L. A. Peters	P. & O. S. N. CO.	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEZCHUEN	Brit. str.	1 m.	H. Formes	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	On 22nd inst., at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	FOOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Fox	MELCHERS & CO.	About 23rd inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	LOKSANG	Brit. str.	—	H. Koops	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 28th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ANHUI	Brit. str.	—	A. E. Hodgins	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 30th inst.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	CHIYANG	Brit. str.	—	W. C. Pasenore	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 12th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	KOREA	Brit. str.	—	J. Speed	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	Beginning of Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NUBLA	Brit. str.	—	J. W. Evans	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	Quick despatch.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOVIA	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Mathias	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	To-day, at 5 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YUENSHANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Wolfe	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 21st inst., at 8 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TIKINI	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Pannather	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YEDIMO MARU	Brit. str.	—	S. Croby	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	ANPING	Am. str.	—	H. G. Walker	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst., at 11 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	TAMSIU	Am. str.	—	H. E. Rice	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 23rd inst., at 11 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YOKOHAMA	Am. str.	—	H. A. Hards	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 26th inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	YOKOHAMA	Am. str.	—	J. Semill		

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FOR	PER	DATE
Haifong	Michael Jelsen	17th, 8.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Achilles	17th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila	Yuensang	17th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow and Shanghai	Choyang	17th, 10.00 A.M.
Jesuiton, Kadat and Sandakan	Horneo	17th, 10.00 A.M.
Saigon	Prometheus	17th, 10.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Childar	17th, 10.00 A.M.

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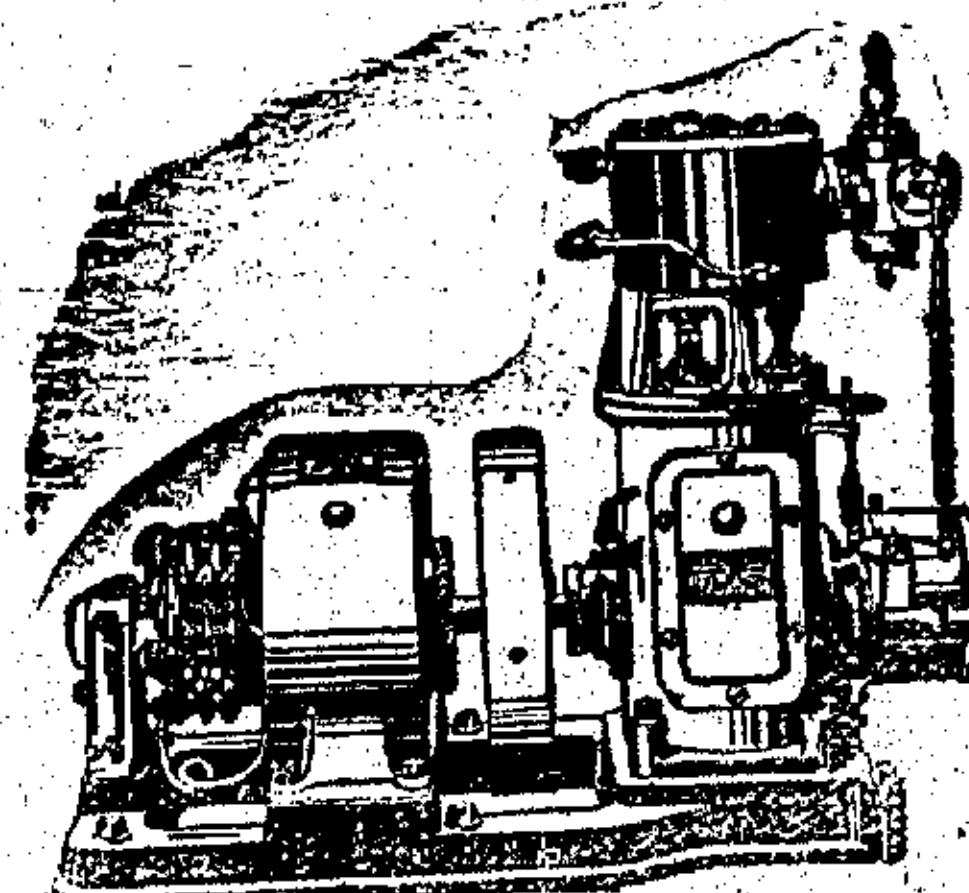
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